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CCJCC Jail Site Selection meeting minutes, November 20, 2014 (6:00 p.m.)
Clinton County Administration Building - Room B

Staff present at meeting: Corey Johnson, Building Maintenance; Sheriff Rick Lincoln; Margaret Kuhl, CCJCC Coordinator; Todd Kinney, County Engineer; Chance Kness, Emergency Management; Eric Dau, Communications; Dan Srp, BOS Elect; Brian Schmidt, BOS and Lt. Craig Eberhart

Citizen Members present: Terri Bousset, Jerome Burken, John Eisenman and Matt Willimack

Media: Amy Kent, Clinton Herald; Dave Vickers, KROS and Nick Joos, the Observer

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and the minutes were approved.
- II. The updated spreadsheet based on DOC/NIC Sample Site Evaluation format will be utilized for evaluating the proposed jail sites. This spreadsheet was projected on a screen, along with Power Point of Google maps of possible sites.
- III. Introduction of new possible sites suggestions: Margaret Kuhl read the new sites that were suggested following the public request for input. Community members provided responses via email, phone, U.S. mail and in person. Seven suggestions were submitted by the November 20th deadline, which included the present location.
- IV. Ranking potential sites: The Site Selection group began to eliminate sites based on the criteria of size (if less than 3.5 acres, the site was eliminated). Nine sites were eliminated due to size inadequacies.

During the discussion of possible sites, the question of whether court could be held at a new jail site (if it is somewhere other than the present location) was cited. Matt Willimack talked of the need to look at what cost savings would be for tax payers to hold civil court at the Courthouse and create space for criminal court at a new jail. There was discussion that the Clerk of Court provides paperwork, the County Attorney provides Prosecutors and the Judges preside over the proceedings. The issues of the Courthouse remodel and if this could work were discussed. Margaret Kuhl will consult with Judges, Clerk of Court and County Attorney for their opinions on holding criminal court at a new jail site, if it were to be constructed on a site other than present location.



Following the elimination of sites based on size requirements, the group pondered which criteria would be considered next. Some of those proposed were the ten mile evacuation ring, flood plain, and others. There were five sites "tabled" due to various considerations (that the property would most likely not be acquirable, access to the site, etc.).

Three additional sites were proposed for consideration within the group.

- V. Strategic Plan discussion: no discussion on this topic occurred, due to time.
- VI. Open Discussion/Agenda Items for next meeting: Sheriff Lincoln and Coordinator Kuhl requested that the Site Selection group bring five-ten names for consideration for the Community Outreach/Public Advocacy group and/or whether any group members would like to continue serving on this newly forming important group. Proposed names may be brought to the next meeting or submitted to Kuhl.
- VII. Adjournment was at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: **December 4, 2014 (6:00 p.m.)**

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